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Repairs to the roads in the Vuyyur Sugar Factory area.

* 203 *Q.*—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any funds available for carrying out repairs to the roads in Vuyyur K.C.P. Sugar Factory area;

(*b*) if so, what is the total amount; and

(*c*) whether the accounts will be made public?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) No amount has been set apart for carrying out repairs to the roads in the Vuyyur Sugar Factory area. However, a proposal to make a provision of Rs. 2·25 lakhs for repairs and maintenance of roads leading to the various factories in the State including the Vuyyur Factory is under the consideration of the Government.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMI :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there is so much traffic, will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of allotting a special amount for that?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, two of the roads in Vuyyur factory area have already been completed. The Cane Commissioner has also submitted proposals amounting to Rs. 1,25,000 for repairs to other roads. The matter is under the consideration of the Government and it will be taken up."

Government Textile Institute, Madras.

* 204 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state regarding the Government Textile Institute, Madras—

(*a*) the total amount of capital invested in buildings and machinery including appliances;

(*b*) the number of students undergoing training every year in the institute;

(*c*) the cost of training per student per annum taking into account interest on capital expenditure, recurring cost and scholarships; and

(*d*) what are the labour-saving appliances evolved by the Institute during the past one decade?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Rs. 2,58,787.

" (*b*) The sanctioned annual intake of trainees is 131.

" (*c*) Rs. 369.

" (*d*) The following are the labour-saving appliances evolved by the institute during the past one decade :—

(1) A card saving device in Jacquard Weaving to reduce the cost of pattern cards;

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(2) A contrivance to run the sized warp directly from the sizing machine to a weaver's beam. This avoids re-beaming.

(3) A new model pedal driven wheel for spinning and self-winding 'gogu' fibre for the benefit of Sugalis (Lambadis) engaged in the 'gogunara' cottage industries.

(4) A portable broad size fly shuttle loom for weaving 'gogunara' into cloth for the manufacture of bags for storing grains."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, whether these improved appliances are being adopted and in what places are they adopted? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As the question was answered on a previous occasion, these models or new appliances and devices are open to any individual weaver or a co-operative society to take and adopt for his or its own private purposes. If the hon. Member wants to know where these have been adopted I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the institute is self-supporting or not; if not, how much subsidy the Government are granting for this institute? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the cost per student is Rs. 369. There are 131 students and therefore it costs us Rs. 45,760. I should like to have notice with regard to staff."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" What are the methods adopted by the Government to take this labour-saving method to the people so that people could know exactly how to save labour and work efficiently? If they have not taken any such steps, will the Government do it in the future? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, these are really research stations which produce new methods and models and labour-saving contrivances. It is up to the public or the co-operative societies to come and take advantage of them. If any society wants the improved models, I shall see that they are given to the society."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister inform the House whether the Government are going to assure the candidates who have undergone training in the institute that they will be employed soon after they finish their course? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As far as possible, Sir."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH :—" Sir, may I know how many of the students undergoing training are from Rayalaseema and of them how many are Harijan weavers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice, Sir."

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SRI S. RAMASWAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, with reference to this, industry, is it advisable to evolve labour-saving appliances, when human labour is now unemployed? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, labour saving may mean increased production and decrease in labour. These two must go together."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, in the matter of selecting students are the Government giving preference to weavers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

Pennar bridge, Nellore.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings as the hon. Member Sri B. Ramakrishna Reddi is not in his seat."

SRI B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when it is proposed to complete the Pennar bridge at Nellore?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The work is expected to be completed in March 1954."

Cholera in Malabar district.

* 206 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many deaths took place in Malabar on account of cholera recently; and

(*b*) what are the precautionary measures the Government have taken to check the cholera epidemic?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There were 16 deaths from cholera in Malabar district from week ending 3rd January 1953 up to week ending 28th February 1953.

" (*b*) Control measures such as disinfection of infected houses, chlorination of water-sources and inoculation of contacts have been carried out. Three thousand nine hundred and ninety-three persons in all were inoculated against cholera during the period."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government received reports from the Health department in Malabar stating the reasons which led to the outbreak of cholera in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, Malabar is one of the districts which had the lowest incidence of cholera. I am surprised at the question of the hon. Member."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, is it on account of starvation and distress conditions prevailing in Malabar that cholera has started? "